

**Amended and Unchanged Existing Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 6, 11, 20, and 22 as indicated below (all currently pending claims are listed for the Office's convenience):

1. (Thrice Amended) A hypermedia browser embodied on a computer-readable medium for execution on an information processing device having a limited display area, wherein the hypermedia browser has a content viewing area for viewing content and is configured to display a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content, wherein the temporary graphic element is positioned over the content viewing area to [only partially] obstruct only part of the content in the content viewing area, wherein the temporary graphic element [does not contain information] is not content.

2. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary graphic element is animated.

3. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing area.

4. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

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2 5. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein:  
3 the temporary graphic element is animated; and  
4 the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a  
5 temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

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7 12 ~~6.~~ (Thrice Amended) An information processing device comprising:  
8 a processor;  
9 a display;  
10 a hypermedia browser executing on the processor to load and display  
11 content in a content viewing area on the display;  
12 wherein the hypermedia browser displays a temporary graphic element over  
13 the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading visible content;  
14 wherein the temporary graphic element is positioned only over a portion of  
15 the content viewing area and [only partially] obstructs only part of the visible  
16 content in the content viewing area; and  
17 wherein the temporary graphic element indicates to a user that the browser  
18 is loading content.

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20 7. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the  
21 temporary graphic element is animated.

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23 8. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the  
24 hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the  
25 content viewing area.

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2 9. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the  
3 hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a temporary  
4 window in a windowing operating environment.

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6 10. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein:  
7 the temporary graphic element is animated; and  
8 the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a  
9 temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

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11 11. (Thrice Amended) A method of browsing a hyperlink resource,  
12 comprising the following steps:

13 loading content from the hyperlink resource in response to user selection of  
14 hyperlinks contained in said content;

15 displaying the content in a content viewing area;

16 displaying a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area  
17 during the loading step, wherein the temporary graphic element [only partially]  
18 obstructs only part of the content in the content viewing area;

19 wherein the loading, the content displaying, and the temporary graphic  
20 element displaying steps occur at least partially concurrently.

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22 12. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional  
23 step of animating the temporary graphic element.

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2 includes displaying the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content  
3 viewing area.

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5        14. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the displaying step  
6 includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a  
7 windowing operating environment.

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9        15. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional  
10 step of animating the temporary graphic element, wherein the displaying step  
11 includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a  
12 windowing operating environment.

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14        16. A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions that are  
15 executable for performing the steps recited in claim 11.

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17        17. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the browser is  
18 configured to display the temporary graphic element over the content viewing area  
19 only during times when the browser is loading visible content.

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21        18. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary  
22 graphic element indicates to a user that the browser is loading content.

1 19. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary  
2 graphic element disappears when the browser's loading of content is complete to  
3 indicate to a user that such loading of content is complete.

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5 CH 20. (Amended) An information processing device as recited in claim 6,  
6 wherein the temporary graphic element [does not contain information] is not  
7 content.

8 21. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the  
9 temporary graphic element disappears when the browser's loading of content is  
10 complete to indicate to a user that such loading of content is complete.

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12 22. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 11,  
13 wherein the temporary graphic element [does not contain information] is not content.

14 23. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the temporary graphic  
15 element indicates to a user that the loading step is being performed.

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17 24. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising removing the  
18 temporary graphic element once the loading step is complete to indicate to a user  
19 that the loading step is complete.  
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1 New Claims:

2 Please add claims 25-30 as indicated below:

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6 9 25. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary  
7 graphic element conveys status information of the browser.

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9 26. A method of indicating a content "load status" of a hypermedia  
10 browser having a content viewing area for viewing content, the method  
11 comprising:

12 displaying loaded content within the content viewing area of a screen of a  
13 hypermedia browser, the screen is without a "load status" graphic element,  
14 wherein a "load status" graphic element indicates a current content load status of  
15 the hypermedia browser;

16 receiving an instruction to load new content into the content viewing area;

17 loading such new content into the content viewing area; and

18 while loading, displaying a "load status" graphic element over the content  
19 viewing area so that the graphic element obstructs only part of the content in such  
20 content viewing area.

21 33 27. A method as recited in claim 26 further comprising, upon completion  
22 of the loading, removing the "load status" graphic element to reveal the part of the  
23 content in the content viewing area that the graphic element obstructed when the  
24 element was displayed.  
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2 <sup>36</sup>28. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable  
3 instructions that, when executed by a computer, perform a method of indicating a  
4 content "load status" of a hypermedia browser having a content viewing area for  
5 viewing content, the method comprising:

6 displaying loaded content within the content viewing area of a screen of a  
7 hypermedia browser, the screen is without a "load status" graphic element,  
8 wherein a "load status" graphic element indicates a current content load status of  
9 the hypermedia browser;

10 receiving an instruction to load new content into the content viewing area;

11 loading such new content into the content viewing area; and

12 while loading, displaying a "load status" graphic element over the content  
13 viewing area so that the graphic element obstructs only part of the content in such  
14 content viewing area.

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16 <sup>36</sup>29. A computer-readable medium as recited in claim <sup>36</sup>28 further having  
17 additional computer-executable instructions that perform a method comprising,  
18 upon completion of the loading, removing the "load status" graphic element to  
19 reveal the part of the content in the content viewing area that the graphic element  
20 obstructed when the element was displayed.  
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An information processing device comprising:

a processor;

a display;

a hypermedia browser executing on the processor to load and display content in a content viewing area on the display;

wherein the hypermedia browser is configured to operate in a content-loading mode and a content-loaded mode;

in the content-loaded mode, the hypermedia browser displays loaded content in the content viewing area and no "load status" graphic element is displayed, wherein absence of such "load status" graphic element indicates that the browser is in the content-loaded mode;

in the content-loading mode, the hypermedia browser loads content, displays such content in the content viewing area as it loads, and displays a "load status" graphic element over the content view area obstructing part of the content displayed in the content viewing area, wherein presence of such "load status" graphic element indicates that the browser is in the content-loading mode.

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